(1925) Department.

P-40

Jail No. SERIES.

G.O. No. 1509-25

DATED 24.9.25

[Despatch Abstract.]

Buildings - Jails - Bellary - Alipuram - Improvements - penditure - Rs.86,000 - approved.

Om 729-1 dt 12 2 25

Alipuram Jail

recommendations of the visiting

.2 mj D.G's Conf No. C G 112 dt 1.2.25

The D.G. of Prisons is requested to furnish an Estimate of cost necessary to alter the Alipuram Jail so as to do dispense away with the Watchmen at night

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D.G. of Prisons. 11/2

BM 11/2 11/2

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DEPARTMENT.

Received ..... 191 *Registered* 191

PUBLIC & LAW DEPARTMENT SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS 2-- MAR-1925

Subject. Submitting for orders plan and estimate for alterations proposed to blocks in the Alipuram Jail, Bellary Cantonment.

1. 9/1059C 2/3/25 Clerk

ENCLOSURES

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No. G/104

Station Ootacamund, *Dated the* 26th February 191 5

From (Name) Lieut-Col. G.W.Maconochie, I.P.S.,

(Designation) Inspector-General of Prisons.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (General) Department.

Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

plans

With reference to Government Memorandum No.729 J-1, Law (General) dated the 12th February 1925, I have the honour to report that a sum of Rs.2,40,000 will be required to alter the blocks of the Alipuram Jail so as to dispense with the belchain at night. There are 15 blocks in the Jail and the cost of necessary alterations to each block will be Rs.16,000/-

2. The question of converting the existing barrack buildings into pucca Association blocks, was taken up for consideration in May last, but considering the large amount of expenditure to be involved, it was postponed

pending receipt of definite reply from the Military Departm
as to outright purchase of Jail Department.

(ref. to 3)

3. The plan and estimate for the alterations proposed together with a copy of letter No. J/2098, dated the 7th July 1924, from the Superintendent, Alipuram Jail, are enclosed for information and orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lieut-Col, I. M. S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Letter No. J. 2098, dated the 7th July 1924, from the Superintendent, Alipuram Jail, Bellary, to the Inspector General of Prisons, Ootacamund.

In reply to your memo No. 5573, dated the 28th June 1924 I have the honour to state that the estimate for Rs. 16000/- herewith resubmitted provided only for the following items of iron work considered necessary to render the barracks permanently secure against escapes at night and with the object apparently of dispensing with the use of the bel-chain.

1. Fixing iron bars to the bays between the masonry pillars of the verandah ~~and~~ all sides of the ~~x~~ block as per sketch.

2. Providing two iron gateways at the sides of the verandah one on each side.

3. Providing the underside of the ~~x~~ rafters of the verandah with corrugated iron sheets to prevent escape of prisoners through the roof.

2. So long as the buildings remain in the possession of the Military Department, it would seem that these proposals cannot be given effect to even if the requsite funds were forthcoming. There being thus no provision in the estimates for allowable urgent repairs such as scraping walls and closing up holes to alleviate the bug nuisance, white and colour washing etc., I am separately submitting an estimate with reference to your memo No. 5572 for carrying such portions of work as are ordinarily necessary under rule 643 Jail Manual.

3. With regard to the items referred to in para 1 above, I have indicated the savings that can be effected on the estimate as it stands, as well as ~~x~~ by the substitution of barbed wire in the roof of the verandah for corrugated iron throughout. Sheet iron is not alone expensive but may probably not prove suitable here ~~x~~ owing to the variations of the day and night temperature.

(True copy)

V. Rambrahmam 26/2

For Inspector-General of Prisons

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Department.

Letter No.

From

The Hon'ble Sir Arthur Knapp, K.C.I.E.,C.S.I.,C.B.E., I.C.S.,

Member of Council.

To

The Secretary, Legislative Council,

M A D R A S.

Dated Fort St. George, the 28th March 1925.

Sir,

Under proviso (3) to Standing Order No.53, I have the honour to give notice of the enclosed supplementary further demand for a grant for 1925-26 and to request that this may also be included in the agenda for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 30th March 1925 for the purpose.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Member of Council.

S.G.

Supplementary further demand for 1925-26.

Demand XLIV.--
Jails.

On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, the Hon'ble Sir Arthur Knapp, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.B.E., I.C.S., will move for a grant not exceeding 1,00,000.

Explanatory Note.

This is an addition to Grant XIII-Jails and provides for certain works at the Alipuram Jail designed to permit of the abolition of the use of bel.-chains. The expenditure will be shown under "25.a. Jails and Convict Settlements--Jails--iv. District and Special Jails--Works--New Works."

J A I L **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Improvements to the Alipuram Jail.

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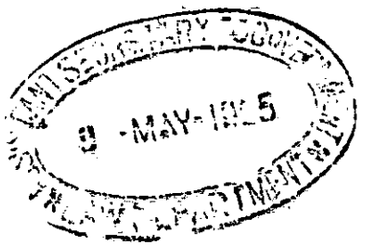
9/5/25



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No. G/302

Station Ootacamund , *Dated the* 6th May 1925. 192

From (Name) Lieut-Col J.P.Cameron C.I.E., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Ag. Inspector-General of Prisons.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (General) Department.

Sir.

I have the honour to request that the Government will be pleased to return the plans and estimates forwarded to Government with this office letter No. G.104, dated the 26th February 1925, as these are required by the P.W.D. in connection with the preparation of a separate estimate for the alternative scheme of barring the doors on the inner side of block verandahs in the Alipuram Jail, referred to in the concluding portion of para 1 of this office No. G. 267 dated the 27th April 1925.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lieut-Col I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

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Law (Gaol)

CRO 2905-C.

memo 2905C-1/21-5-25

Improvements to the Shpuram Jail - Ref his letter No. G/30286.5.25-

The plans and estim are herewith returned as the D.G. of Prisons has requ to ~~treat the matter as urgent~~ submit revised plans & estimates at an early date

21/5 Prisons 21/5 M 5-14 cf)

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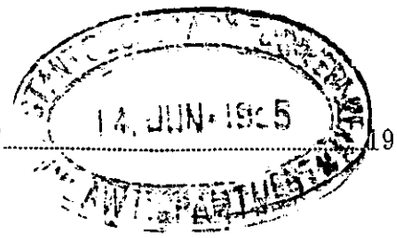

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Subject.

Improvements to the Alipuram Jail.

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NCG/587

Station Camp Bellary. , *Dated the* 12th June 1925.

From (Name) Lieut-Col. J.P. Cameron, C.I.E.,I.P.S.

(Designation) Inspector-General of Prisons.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (General) Department.

Sir,

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 2905 C--1, dated the 21st May 1925.

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I have the honour to submit herewith the revised plans and estimates called for.

Annexe returned to the Dy

2. I am anxious to start work on the improvements at the earliest possible date and shall be glad to be favoured with orders as soon as the question of taking over the buildings from the Military Authorities is definitely settled.

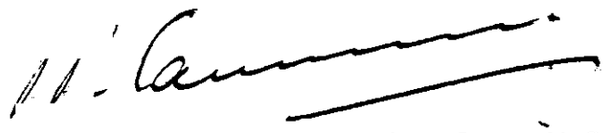
3. No structural alterations to the buildings can be carried out without the permission of the Military authorities and, I presume, this permission will only

only be granted when a decision is come to in regard to handing over the buildings permanently to the Civil Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Lieut-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

11 Law (General)

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O.M. No. 2905 C-2/2664

Jails – Alipuram – improvements – Correspondence ending with the I.G. of Prisons letter no. G587 dt. 12.6.25

In Govt. memorandum no. 2905 C-1 dt. 21-5-25, the IG was requested to submit revised plans and estimates in respect of his alternative Scheme for barring the doors on the inner side of the block of verandahs in the Alipuram Jail. But the estimates received with his letter read above relate to his original proposals for barring the entire verandah. The I.G. of Prisons is now requested to submit plans and estimates for his alternative proposal referred to in his letter no. G302

SECRETARY TO GOVT. 25-JUN-1925 LAW DEPARTMENT

dy 6.5.25. The plans and estimates received with this letter read above are returned.

This reference should be treated as urgent

KSy 22.6.25

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To:

The Dy. Director of Fisheries with the plans and estimates

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DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

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Jails - Alipuram - Improvements to 15-Blocks.

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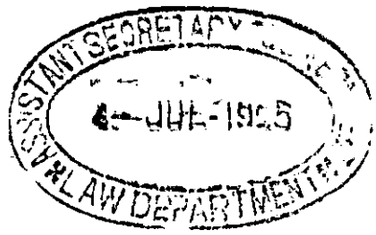

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No. G/ 432

Station Ootacamund. , *Dated the* 2nd July 1925. 192 .

From (Name) Lieut-Col.J.P.Cameron C.I.E., I.M.S.,

(Designation) Inspector-General of Prisons.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

~~Law~~ (General) Department.

Sir.

With reference to Government Memo No. 2905 C-2 Law (General) dated the 26th June 1925, I have the honour to forward herewith original and revised plans and estimate relating to the above work. The original estimate works out at Rs. 16,000/- per block and the revised one at Rs.3,600/- per block. The former is for barring verandahs as proposed by the Public Works Department and the latter for providing barred doors and windows as proposed by the Superintendent, Alipuram Jail, Bellary, and approved of by me.

pp 26 and 32-25-C

2. There are 17 blocks (2 hospital blocks and 15 other blocks). The Superintendent proposes that the Hospital blocks should be barred at Rs. 16,000 a block (this is absolutely necessary to provide the required Hospital

accommodation and air space) and the remaining blocks at Rs. 3,600/- per block. The total cost will thus be Rs. 86,000. These improvements will enable us to dispense with belchains entirely throughout the Jail.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lieut-Col.I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

R.D.

Law (General) Department.

From

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur,

Member of Council.

DESPATCHED
17 AUG 1925

To

The Secretary,

~~Madras~~ Legislative Council,
Madras

Dated, Fort St. George, the 1925.

S i r,

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following demand at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

Demand.

On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor I beg to move that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 75,000/- under Grant No. XXVIII - Civil Works - Transferred" for the objects explained in the appended note.

I have etc.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

(Appendix)

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Law Dept.

Explanatory Note.

Jails - Alipuram - belchain- abolition -improvements to building.

paragraph 1 on p 21 nf.

The Indian Jails Committee have prohibited the use of belchains except as a strictly temporary measure when men are placed in insecure huts or tents outside a permanent jail. The above recommendations of the Committee are followed in practice in the jails of this Presidency. But in the Alipuram jail where a large number of Mappilla prisoners are confined light belchains are in use and they cannot be dispensed with unless certain improvements are made to the jail buildings so as to render them secure. The cost of the improvements is estimated at Rs. 86,000/- and a supplementary grant of Rs. 75,000/- is required for the purpose.

paragraph 2. on p 21 nf.

paragraph 3 p 22 nf.

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& 10 Copies to Finance

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Alipuram Jail.

abolition of the bel. Chains

Supplementary further

demand for 1925-26

Extract from Official Visitors' book, dated the 22nd January 1925. Alipuram Jail, Bellary

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Date of visit. 22nd January 1925.

Observations and recommendations of the visitor.

I have learnt a good deal by visiting this big Jail with its extensive and admirable organization to keep nearly 5000 prisoners engaged in some useful occupation. Few men can be happy and contented in a prison. A prison is a prison. But it is apparent that the prisoners are well taken care of and taught crafts that will be helpful to them to earn their livelihood honestly when they are set at liberty. The sick in the hospital are about 90 for nearly 5000. A most creditable record! Mr. Greenwood the Superintendent is kind resourceful and deeply interested in his work. There was one flogging with a birch for the last year and one for the previous year. This is a remarkable proof of the humane consideration that indicates the Superintendent in maintaining order and discipline and he is amply justified and rewarded by the willing obedience the prisoners observe in acting up to the orders given to them by prison authorities and by the trust and confidence they have in the good will of their Superintendent. There are several noticeable features in this Jail which deserve commentation. For want of proper safeguards and in the absence of bar fencing, prisoners are chained in night time. A dire necessity no doubt but a barbarous relic. The Superintendent is naturally anxious to get this done away with. Money is required to provide iron bars and other safe guards and the Government is expected to provide necessary funds. The Hon'ble Sir Arthur Knapp and his collegue the Hon'ble Mr. C.P. Ramaswami Ayyar have already visited the Jail and should have come to a resolution to get necessary sums sanctioned without further delay.

Again there is a blind and deaf cripple and a good number of bed-ridden prisoners. They are very old and physically disabled (by partial paralysis) people amounting in all I learnt to about 300. All these might be released at once to the advantage of

of Government. They would like to die in their humble homes and cannot now think of creating trouble to society.

I hope to visit this Jail at an early date and learn more of the way in which it is so well managed with profit and without trouble.

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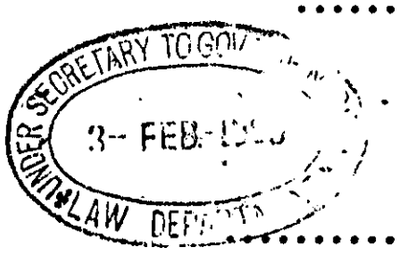

Sd/ P. Kesava Pillai
M.L.C.

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No. C.G. 112 dated the 1st February 1925.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government Law (General) Department for information.

C Thomachy

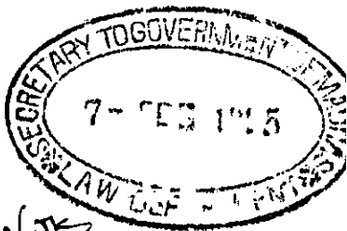
Lieut-Col. I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

To, The Secretary to Government,
Law (General) Department
Fort St, George, Madras.

What would it cost to
allow the food to be
cooked in the cells
by the prisoners
themselves?

Law (G) Dept

Submitted for perusal.



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14.2.25

Ord to the DG of Prisons No 729 C-1 dt 12.2.25
from the DG. of Prisons No G 104 dt 26.2.25

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The DG. now reports that Rs 2,40,000 will be required to alter the blocks in the Alipuram Jail so as to dispense with the Belchain at night. He also adds that the question of converting the barrack buildings into special association blocks was taken up in May last but owing to the large expenditure involved it was postponed till a definite reply was received from the military authorities regarding the purchase of the buildings. The C-in-C has since accepted the Madras Govt's offer of 2 lakhs for the buildings though they demand an addl sum of Rs 3937 for the land. The file is still under consideration. No funds have also been provided for the alteration of the Alipuram Jail buildings during the current or next year. It is for orders whether any further action should be taken now or the DG might be kept to come up again when the purchase of the buildings is finally effected.

Whether any further action should be taken now

Sanction thereafter finally effected.

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Law Department

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In the general discussion on the Budget reference was made to the fact that we had to ~~change~~ chain the prisoners in the Alipuram Jail to one another at night by belchains. This was denounced as barbarous and I was obliged to admit that I agreed in that description. The use of belchains was unreservedly condemned by the Jail Committee. It is understood that it would cost a considerable amount of money to alter the construction of the buildings so as to do away with this necessity. The figure given is Rs.2,40,000. I am not at all satisfied that anything like this amount will be required. If after the Govt. of India's budget is finally passed any question arises of further allotments, I think that the abolition of this entirely obsolete and unsuitable method of restraint should be one of the first things to which any money available should be devoted. ''

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT MADRAS
10 MAR 1925
LAW DEPARTMENT

8/3

Have we got any papers?
V.TK 10.3

Mr. 729C.1
12/3/25

Send enquiry
(Mr 1-3 auth)

The papers are called for in the Leader file below. Finance Dept may perhaps send the file in the meanwhile.

SECRETARY TO GOVT
11 MAR 1925
LAW DEPARTMENT

KOW
11-3-25

BPR 11/3

Mr
V.TK 11.3

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Fin Cno 10022 B&W

Finance (BE IV)

Please See C.'s note on page and.

Submitted that the remission/Contribution, if given effect to, will be to the extent of 126 lakhs while the borrowing account of Revenue deficit to the end of 1925-26 will stand at 170 lakhs. It is therefore unlikely that any further allotments will be available for new Schemes

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S. 13.3.25

The question may be raised later after the remission of the contributions has had effect

C.S.1854C
14/3/25

Secretary to Govt. of Madras
Finance & Law Department
1925

Finance BE IV No 10022 BE IV
14.3.24

Submitted for information

When will we get definite info

14.3.25

[Notice of Motion for a further demand of Rs 1,00,000/- sent to the Council office]

ff 15-16.C

This was debated with other demands, & cannot come up now till Budget. But meanwhile it is desirable that we should have much more detailed information as to the necessity for an expenditure of Rs 2,40,000. Is this for safety for Mopla prisoners? or is it for Labour? If not of that nature will it be popular to demand? Have we any statistics on that point?

Zetland
31/3/25

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Law (Genl)
The Dept may be requested to furnish the information called for in Secy's note above

C.R.S.
31.3.25

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Law (Genl) 31.3.25

Law

Draft in note said as drafted
After some further correspondence with the Finance Department this item is included in the list of demands
vide para 12(b) letter V.TF/6-1

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7.4.25

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SECRETARY TO GOVT.
8 APR 1925
TO GOVT. OF INDIA
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
1 APR 1925
JUDICIAL & PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

Financial (Bud. pl.)

Please see the note of the Law (pl.) Deptt. at the bottom of p. 6 ante. The item has been noted.*

2. The file may be returned to the Law (pl.) Deptt.

8.4.25

CRS
8/4/25

* It is included in the list of further demands which is forwarded as supplementary demands.

Fin. No. 13581 BS-4
8/4/25

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF INDIA
8 APR 1925
LAW DEPARTMENT

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Land Revenue

No. 7125/2-3 & 6/24

Alipuram jail improvements

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In this letter No. G.104 of 26.2.25 the D.G. of Prisons has estimated the cost at ~~Rs 2,40,000 & A~~ although the blocks in the Alipuram jail so as to enable the authorities to dispense with the use of Bodyguards at night at Rs 240000/- the DC may be requested to furnish detailed information as to the necessity for such a large expenditure ~~At this stage~~ He may also be requested to say (1) whether the jail is intended solely for convicted prisoners (2) whether it is to be permanent and ~~if~~ this jail is not to be permanent, the rate at which the jail population ~~could~~ is expected to decrease.

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6 APR 1925

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C&T to DG

Yes to DG
Then to Finance

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Law(81)Dept

a compliance slip & Finance Dept note
on page 7 ante. The Dy's reply
to the Chief Secretary may
kindly be awaited. PR -/

Secretary
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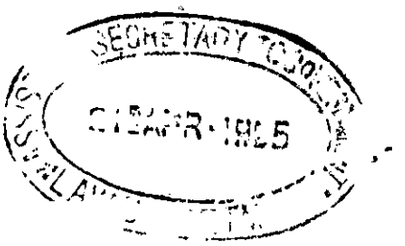

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Note put is submitted.
The Dy. may be requested to
please.

[The Govt of India have agreed to sale of the Plassey barracks (in which the Alipuram Jail is located) to Local Govt for Rs 2 lakhs. This is now in Revenue who have been asked for some information by the Finance Secretary.]

PSR
28/4

I have discussed with the I.G and the H.M has also spoken to him.

2) The position is that the Alipuram Jail is now located in the Plassey barracks which belong to the Govt of India. We contend that the land is this Govts. The G. of I have agreed, subject to the Secy of state's ruling on the question of the title to the lands, to sell the buildings to this

of payment of this sum
Govt for Rs 2 lakhs. The question is separate
under discussion with Finance & revenue
departments. In the meantime we are
paying a rent of Rs 28,000 a year to India

3) We have executed a water supply scheme
for this jail which ~~has~~ is costing in
nearly Rs 1.50 lakhs.

4) The introduction of the arrangements necessary to avoid
the use of belchains at nights – a practice
which has been strongly condemned in the
legislative council – ~~are~~ is urgent. The I.G's
intention when he made the original
proposals was to have bars for all
rooms & verandas. This is unnecessary
It would be sufficient to have bars for
all the rooms, the verandas being left as they are
This will give accommodation at nights for about 3000 to 4000 prisoners
and will be adequate for the present.
The estimated cost of this limited
scheme would be Rs 1.50 lakhs ~~approximat~~

5) I may point out that to execute
the scheme in instalments would be
out of the question. If only say 1/3 of the
prisoners are ~~to~~ confined to be
locked in at nights without belchains,
it would cause discontent among
the others and discipline would be
difficult to maintain. Further, ~~the~~

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Jails
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it would be more economical to execute the work in one year, as if all the iron materials (~~may be~~ are ~~bought~~ ordered ~~more cheaply if bought~~ at once, ~~it would be~~ we ~~would~~ can get them on more favourable terms.

) At present there are over 400 Moplahs in Alipuram Jail. Most of ~~All~~ these, the I.G tells me, are long-termers & it is not likely that there will be a decrease in the population in the near future. Further there is the likelihood of the transportation prisoners from the Andamans being sent back (to S. India). So far as can be foreseen now, the jail will be permanently requires for longtermers & habituals. ~~The~~

V.T.K

(Reply to work on p 8 ante: received & added on 6/8/21 - M.M.)

Office of the Inspector-General of Prisons,

Ootacamund, dated the 27th April 1925.

G.O.No. 267

29 APR 1925

Ref: Law (General) U.O. No. 739 C-3, dated the 6th April 1925. Re: Improvements to the Alipuram Jail.

The blocks at Alipuram are surrounded by a wide verandah, the roof of which is Mangalore tiled supported by battens and reepers on masonry pillars. The estimate amounting to Rs. ~~40,000~~ 2,40,00 provides for barring the outer side of the verandah and underlaying the roof with corrugated iron to prevent escapes. The work can be completed within Rs. 2 lakhs if it is entrusted for execution by the Jail Department. Large savings cannot be anticipated as most of the money is required for purchase of material and very little fixing is required. A revised estimate showing actual amount required if the work is undertaken departmentally will be submitted to Government on receipt of particulars from the Public Works Department. If Government is disinclined to spend so large a sum on this account, the Superintendent, Alipuram Jail, suggests an alternative scheme of barring the doors on the inner side of the block verandahs instead of the outer side of the verandah; by this arrangement, the verandahs would not be available as accommodation and the blocks cannot hold more than 3500 prisoners. Any excess over this number will have to be chained in verandahs as is being done in other jails when there is a sudden rise in the population, and the small number affected would not be an objectionable feature. He is working out details of this scheme, and a separate estimate will be submitted to Government on receipt. If the alternative scheme which will apparently be less costly is accepted the population of the jail can be limited and the excess prisoners transferred to the Jail annexes at Cannanore, Vellore and Trichinopoly or to Jails where there is accommodation to spare.

There are at present over 4000 Pandillais in the Alipuram

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Jail, the majority of whom have over 7 years to run to complete their sentences. If Government decide that no more conditional releases are to be effected, the Jail must be retained for at least another 10 years, and the improvements effected should be of a permanent nature as has been done in connection with the water supply. In this connection a reference is invited to this office letter No. G.928, dated the 4th December 1923 recommending the Alipuram Jail as a suitable penal settlement for prisoners sentenced to transportation. If the outright purchase of the Military barracks is effected the Jail will serve as a future penal settlement (i) for prisoners belonging to the Madras Presidency to be repatriated from the Andamans, (ii) for those with sentences of transportation now detained in Madras Jails and (iii) for those that may be sent to Jails with such sentences in future. If the Jail is to be made a permanent one, arrangements can be made at Alipuram to receive any class of convict and there will be no difficulty in finding sufficient accommodation should there be any abnormal rise in the total prison population owing to an outbreak as in the case of the late Mappilla Rebellion.

2 As the jail is in being, and has been provided with an up to date water supply, it is very desirable to retain it permanently.

no reference to purchase — Cossery Barracks referred to — It is found in Rev.

G Chrameke

Lieut-Col I.M.S.,

Ag. Inspector-General of Prisons.

To

The Secretary to Government,

LAW(GENERAL) DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

S.L.

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Decision of the Cabinet.

At the Cabinet meeting on 2nd May 1925 it was decided that the Further Demand for 1925-26 for the abolition of the use of Bel-chains at the Alipuram Jail, which was adjourned in the Legislative Council on 30th March 1925, should be reduced to Rs.75,000.

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3.5.25

To
Law(Jails) Department

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Law (Jail) Dept

From the D.G. of Prisons No G/302 dated 6.5.25.

R.S.

The plans and estimates (M.S-1) may be returned to the D.G.. Now that the Cabinet has come to a decision on the matter the D.G. may be requested to ~~expedite his~~ alternative proposal ~~treat the matter as urgent~~ — vide portion B+C on pp 10 and 12 and Draft memo subd.

Dfm
18/5/25.

BJR
18/5/25

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Dm. No. 2905C-1 dy 21.5.25

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
21-MAY-1925
LAW DEPARTMENT

C No. 3433 J From the Dg. of Prisons. No G 587 dy 12.6.25

Us

The estimates now received with the Dg. of Prisons letter read above are:

(1) Providing iron bars between masonry pillars and fixing Corrugated iron sheets to the verandahs of the blocks in the Alipore Jail. — Rs 16,000 for 1 block or Rs 2,40,000 for 15 blocks

(2) Providing doors and windows for the 75 blocks in the Alipuram jail } Rs 3950-11-0 for 1 block
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Rs 53,860 for 15 blocks.

Of these, the estimates referred to in item no (1) are in respect of his own Scheme and those in item (2) are evidently connected with it. He has not sent the D.G. has not submitted the estimates called for in Om. no. 2905 C-1 dt 21-5-25 in respect of his alternative proposals for barring the doors on the inner side of the block of verandahs. He may now be asked to submit them. Draft Om. submitted.

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Vide C on p 12 ante

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22.6.25

Issued as Om. no 2905 C-2 dt 26.6.25- fr 11 cf.

From the I. G. of Prisons no G 432 dt 2.7.25- C No. 3650 C J.

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There are 17 blocks in the Alipuram jail — 2 hospital blocks and 15 other blocks. The revised proposals are that at the outside of the verandahs of the ~~two~~ hospital blocks should be barred at Rs 16,000,

fr 13 cf

per block and that the inner side of the remaining 15 blocks should be provided with barred doors and windows at an estimated Cost of Rs 3,000/- a block. The total Cost of the revised Scheme Comes to Rs 86,000/-

32,000/- (Rs)
54,000
+ 4,000

2. In this Connection attention is invited to the following extract from the Dy's letter on p 19 C/f:—

"No Structural alterations to "the buildings Can be Carried out "without the permission of the "Military Authorities and, I presu "this permission will only be "granted when a decision is Come to in regard to handing over the buildings permanently to the Civil department."

The question of the purchase of the Ripon am buildings is under Correspondence with the Govt of India. It is for orders whether their reply may be awaited before ~~steps are taken to~~ we go in for a Supplementary demand.

3. In the meanwhile Finance may see and advise if the case should go before the 7.25 lac Finance Committee. This demand

was placed before the ~~last~~ Legve Council at the last meeting along with their supplementary demands. But the Council did not sanction any supplementary demands then. It will be seen however from the notes on p 14 ante that the Cabinet have agreed to provide Rs 75000 for this work in the current year. In the circs Finance may be requested to advise if it is necessary that these schemes should also be placed before the F. Committee.

It is unnecessary to wait till GoI's reply is received as this would mean delay. We may formally ask the military authorities to Consent to the few minor alterations that will be necessary if we are to do away with bel chains

Finance may see

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Fin. u.o for advice as to whether the case should go before the Finance Committee

x/g 100 3650 C7
6.7.28

Finance Dept.

As the case has never been to the Finance Committee, I consider it should be placed before the Committee before the demand is moved in the Council.

~~Gr~~ 35

Please see fin. Secy.'s note above.

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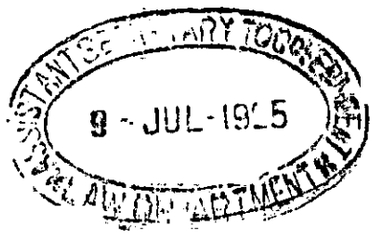
Put up a note for the Finance Committee



A note for the Finance Committee is submitted. It may be sent to Finance for adding their note.

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17.7.25

PSR
20.7.25

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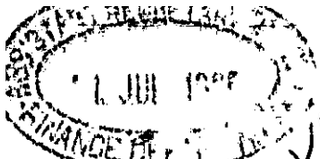
V.T.K
21.7

Fin U.O

Finance Cee

The Law (Gl) Deptt propose to ne for the Supplementary demand under Grant XIII. Jails and Convict Settlement. As the proposed expenditure exceeds Rs.7 it cannot be classified as contingent expenditure under "25. Jails and con Settlements. It is a P. W. expenditure. Correct head of debit is "41. Civil works -



× Rs 75,000 vide p 2 of the
Gr 25 Gen. Estt. Note for the
22.7.25 finance committee

Transferred - Original works- Buildings- Jails and convict settlements- Provision for similar expenditure connected with the Alipuram Jail (water supply scheme) has been made under the above head. The Law (GL) Deptt may be requested to move the Supplementary demand under Grant XXVIII - Civil works - Transferred

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2. The following may be added as the note by the ~~Finance Deptt~~ Finance Deptt to move for a supplementary demand

"The proposal may be placed before the Finance Committee

TO
L. 4034C
24/7/25

24 JUL 1925

23.7.25.

23/7/25

Thro' Budget
23.7.25.

Fin (G) 25 So 6 Exp-1
23.7.25

Law (GL)

Law (General)

Ms.

The note for the Finance Committee revised with reference to A above.

2. The file may be circulated to C3 and C4

27/7.25
PSR
27/7

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C3

V.T.R. 27.7.

26/7/25

25/7/25

Belchains

Law (General) department.

Note for the Finance Committee.

Jails

Alipuram - belchains - abolition - improvement to buildings.

Proposals of the Head of the Department.

Jail Commr's report and book ref.

In paragraph 244 of their report the Indian Jails Committee have remarked as follows : --

"The use of the belchain makes it very inconve "nient for a prisoner to answer the calls of nature k "while thus fastened by a chain which also secures th "whole row of men in the same barrack, while obviously "all considerations of decency are impossible under "such conditions.---------- We are strongly of opinion "that the use of this device should be prohibited exce "as a strictly temporary measure when men are placed i "insecure huts or tents outside a permanent jail, as, "for instance, on the occasion of an outbreak of chole "Even then it is objectionable and its use should be "restricted as far as possible.....

Comm' No 3071 10/39

3 of Jo 2615-24. dy 17.9.24. (F)

2. In accordance with the above recommendation o the Indian Jails Committe hains are not used in t jails of this Presidency, except for purposes of secur when prisoners are confined in tents, open sheds and verandahs and such temporary buildings as are considere insecure. In the Alipuram Jail, however, when a large number of Mapilla prisoners are confined, light Belcha are in use. The buildings occupied by this jail consist of barracks and were formerly utilised for quartering troops. On the outbreak of the Mapilla rebellion, they were taken over by this Government for the confinement of Mapilla prisoners. Owing to the insecurity of these buildings it has become necessary to resort to the use of belchains and these cannot be dispensed with unless cer- tain improvements are made to the barracks so as to render them secure.

3. The I.G. of Prisons accordingly submits proposals for carrying out ~~the necessary~~ Certain improvements to the Alipuram Jail buiddings. There are 17 "blocks" in the Alipuram jail - 15 ordinary blocks and 2 hospital blocks and these are surrounded by a wide verandah. The I.G.'s proposals are that the two hospital blocks should be barred at the outer side at a cost of Rs. 16,000/- a block, and that the remmining 15 blocks should be provided with barred doors and windows at the innerside at a cost of Rs. 3,600/- a block. The total estimated cost of the whole scheme comes to Rs. 86,000.

Note by the Law department.

The use of ~~the~~ bel chains in the Alipuram jail has been strongly condemned by the Members of the Legislative council. In connection with an interpellation in Parliament the Govt. of India have also brought to the notice of local Govts. the Indian Jails Committee's strong condemnation of this method of securing prisoners and have prohibited its use except when it is absolutely indispensable as a precaution against escape. This department therefore accepts the I.G.'s proposals. It is proposed to move the Legislative Council for a supplementary grant of Rs. 75,000/- under Grant No. "~~XIII — Jails and convict settlements.~~ XXVIII — Civil Works - Transferred."

pl of fo 2615-19 dy 17.9.2

20.7.25

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Note by the Finance Department

The proposal to move for a Supplementary demand may be placed before the Finance Committee.

G.T. Boag
23.7.25

Jails – Palghat – Out-houses – abolition – improvements to building – Supply of

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Notes for the Finance Committee on the above subject have already been furnished to the Finance department.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of Finance Department's note at flag (D) a draft notice to Council with a short explanatory note is submitted. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance before Circulation

7.8.25

7.8.25

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Finance U.O

Finance Counter

[Previous Finance notes on pp 19-20 ante]

The draft notice and the draft explanatory note appended hereto may be accepted in Fin.

2. The demand will it is presumed be moved Hon'ble Mr. who is in charge of Public Works Circle - Transferred"

8/8/25

Assistant Secretary to Govt. of Madras, Public Works Department, 8 AUG 1925

Fin. 24335-C 8/8/25

Fin. No. 27697 Budget 8/8/25

Fin. No. 27697 8/8/25

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With reference to paragraph 2 of the of the Finance Departments' note on page 23 ante, it is submitted that in a similar case in 1922, Sir Arthur Knapp (the Hon'ble Member in Charge of the Administrative department) moved for a Supplementary grant for Certain jail works. The Hon'ble the Minister (M2) then remarked as follows:—

" The grant will be moved by the Administrative " department. The P.W.D will execute the work " if the money is put into its budget." In the present Case also, perhaps the Supplementary demand will be moved by the Hon'ble Member in Charge of Jails.

The file may be Circulated.

Head of the Section
Fo no 2655 T - U
3/11/22

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10.8.25
10/8/25

V.T.K 10.8.

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL
15-AUG-1925
LAW DEPARTMENT

The file may be circulated. to Ksm C3

V.T.K 11.8.

for the approval of the notice to the Leg. Council and for favour of signature of the fair copy placed below.

2 With reference to (A) on p17 of ante it is submitted that the Govt of India have replied to say that they agree to the transfer of the Plassey Barracks and the Indian Station Hospital Building at Bellary on the terms proposed by this Govt. Rectte on the subjects submitted separately

Rst. 10.8.25

V.T.K. 17.8

C3.

17/5/25

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The demand was passed in Council.

2. The file may now be passed on to P.W.D for the Scrutiny of the Estimates and the issue of orders.

3. In this Connection attention is invited to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Sec's letter on pp 9-10 cf. The Govt of India have already agreed to the Sale of Plassey barracks on the terms offered by this Govt.

ney, however, arm and the payment of the value of the buildings now and the onus of finding funds for the purpose is now under Consideration of Govt. The D.G. of Prisons has also been told that the barracks not to take possession of the buildings until specific orders to that effect are issued by the Govt. Under the circumstances the P. W. D. may be requested to add a paragraph to the order Sanctioning the Scheme, to the effect that the proposed alterations to the buildings should not be taken up for execution until formal orders directing that the Plassey barracks be taken over are issued by this Govt. That department may also be requested to send the draft order to this department for acceptance before issue.

5.9.25

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V.TK 5/9

P.W.D 410

9.9.25.

The total cost of the improvements estimated at Rs 86000 approximately. This estimate is within the powers of

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of technical sanction of M&E, it need not perhaps be now sent to the C.E. (Roads) for scrutiny. ~~Presumably~~ The work will be carried out by the P.W.D. since recent orders that all such works xx

A draft order is sent. It may be sent to Law (Secl) who is desired by Memo - vide A on p 26 ante.

work more than Rs 1000 should be carried out by P.W.D. Civil labour being employed &c.

19/9/25 14.9.25

15-9-25

Law Sec

Revn. W-4520 C/25-1
15.9.25.

The draft may be accepted

19 SEP 1925 SECRETARIAT GOVT. OF ASSAM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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F.D P.W.D(W)

Secy 19.9.25

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21.9.25

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Draft accepted

23/9/25

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PW DEPARTMENT

Buildings — gaols — Bellary
Alipuram — Improts —
Expenditure — Rs 8600
appd

READ AGAIN G.O. No. , dated 192

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. From the Dy. C. of Prisons, No. G/432 dated 2-7-

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ORDER.

1509 W 24-9-

No. 15208 dated 24-9-

The proposal to carry out
following imprts. to the Alipuram ge
at an approximate cost
of Rs 86000 is approved

(1) Barring two hospital
blocks at the outer
side at an apprxte
Cost of Rs 16000/- a block ... Rs 32

(2) Providing 15 blocks with
barred door windows
at the inner side at a
cost of Rs 3600/- a block Rs 54

2/ The C.E. (N&S) is
requested to arrange t